SUBJECT No. 172.

Coffee disease.

Messrs. T. Narasinga Rao, North Mysore Native Planters' Association, and C. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As coffee is one of the staple products of the State like paddy, arecanut, etc., it is requested that the study of its diseases, etc., may be taken up by the Agricultural Department. It is not possible for native planters to derive much benefit from the researches of the scientific staff of the Planters' Association. The conditions in native coffee estates are different. Typical soils should be analysed and they require different treatment. The Planters' Chronicle is sold at a high price to non-members.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 173.

Books on Agriculture and Industries.

Mr. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is better if books on agriculture and other industries are bought from funds sanctioned by Government and from money collected from local men by means of subscriptions and kept in libraries at all district, taluk and union headquarters for the use of people as in Baroda, where the above practice was recently introduced. The library so started should be open to the public. By this means people gain knowledge in agriculture and industries. The local schoolmasters, with the aid of the Municipal or Union members as the case may be, may be made to devote a certain portion of their time for instructing those who wish to study them. Moreover the schoolmasters will be able to instruct their pupils.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 174.

An agricultural school at each district headquarter town.

Messrs. Mahomed Imam Sab, Mir Mahomed Sab and Subba Rao, Tarikere taluk.

Summary of discussion.—An agricultural school may be established at each district headquarters for training shanbhogs, patels and other landholders in agriculture so that they may diffuse their knowledge widely among the agricultural raiyats.

Reply of Government.—It has been decided to open an Agricultural College at Bangalore from next year and this is sufficient for the present.

SUBJECT No. 175.

Establishment of Agricultural Demonstration Farms.

(1) Messrs. S. Venkatesaiya, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association and Nadiga Bhima Rao, Channagiri taluk.
(2) Mr. A. Cheluvaiengar, Shimoga taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Demonstration Farms may be established in each district. On account of the conservatism of the raiyats and their suspicion of all new things, it is desirable that the benefits of the modern methods of agriculture should be brought home to them by actual demonstration in their own neighbourhood.

(2) Suitable lands may be selected from among assessed waste lands in the malnad and cultivated experimentally on improved methods by Government agency for illustration to the malnad raiyats.

Reply of Government.—The Agricultural Department is prepared to demonstrate improved methods of